

Tel Aviv blast kills two

AMMAN, March 1 (Agencies). — A massive explosion rocked a house here today killing a middle aged man and injuring three other Israelis, police said. A communiqué surmised that it was an accident but a faulty gas main, but sabotage was not ruled out. Several dozen Arabs working in the area were found after the latest blast. But Palestinian communiqué in Beirut said they were responsible for the blast. A Palestinian spokesman said a detailed report would follow later.

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Weizman vetoes Sinai settlement?

TEL AVIV, March 1 (R). — Israel's state television reported tonight that Defence Minister Ezer Weizman had vetoed the establishment of a new government-approved Jewish settlement in the Sinai desert. No official comment was immediately available on the report, which said Mr. Weizman had ordered the military governor of northern Sinai to stop settlers from entering the planned site, Kadesh Brnea. The new outpost had been approved by Israel's former Labour government and the decision to go ahead with it was taken four months ago by a ministerial committee headed by Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon, according to the television report.

Indira Gandhi: There is only one Congress Party

AMMAN, March 1 (Agencies). — Former Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi today moves for reunification of opposition Congress Party, saying she thought it was the government of one western state of India.

"Buoyed by her parliamentary election successes in the last few weeks," Mrs. Gandhi told a press conference in New Delhi, "there was only one party."

"I moved to heal the old party split but if an family quarrel can't be resolved,

whether the thoughtless Party could form a united front in Maharashtra, and I think the Congress Yes."

"We are building at Bombay's largest city, for Congress parties of the state to unite in gain the right to form a government. The national Party was a plausibly seats in Maharashtra election last week, still lack a majority and come much closer. Gandhi however charged under Prime Minister Desai's government country is drifting every such writing leads to struggle," she said, it because "the weaker society have a feel for this government has for them."

Says Janata Party, crony, Gandhi's forces in an election a year ago, 11 years as prime and 30 years of rule Congress Party of the independence leader Mo-

Mrs. Indira Gandhi

handas K. Gandhi and the late Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, Indira's father.

The Janata sweep was mainly in northern India, where emergency rule was harshest. The Congress remained dominant in several southern states including the two where Mrs. Gandhi's New Congress Party won state assembly elections last weekend, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh.

Reiterating that she has no present plans to seek office again, Mrs. Gandhi served notice that she will wage her political activity at meetings and rallies outside of parliament.

"We have been born in the service of the people, so there's no question of my retiring," she said. "Democracy is not confined to parliament, in my view it imbues the people of

the country... my only immediate plans are for meeting the people."

Mrs. Gandhi dismissed the Jan. 2 split of the Congress Party as a "family quarrel which can be sorted out." But she implied this would have to be on her terms, declaring, "There is only one Congress... at the moment I am president of the party and until they throw me out, I am the president."

The weekend victory by Mrs. Gandhi's Congress Party plunged the rival "official" Congress into disarray and prompted resignation of its president, K.R. Reddi.

Swaran Singh, a former foreign minister of Mrs. Gandhi, was named tonight to succeed Mr. Reddi as provisional president.

The former prime minister raised now-familiar charges that the Desai government is practising undeclared censorship, saying, in contrast, when I imposed censorship, I said I imposed censorship."

"Who doubts that there is press censorship today?" she asked. "The press is extremely biased... there are many news not published or published in an incorrect manner... I have information that people high up are censoring things... I am not saying that everything is blacked out, but things are blacked out."

No specific examples were given.

Noting that Mrs. Gandhi has been talking about price rises and an alleged breakdown of law and order under Mr. Desai, a reporter asked if Mrs. Gandhi thought emergency rule should be reimposed. "I have said emergency was imposed because of a combination of circumstances that may not recur for 1,000 years," she replied. "It is not yet 1,000 years."

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The water's fine; the senator is not

Well, we knew it wouldn't take long for the Wildmen of Zion in the American Congress to crank up their machinery against the Carter administration's proposed sale of fighter planes to Saudi Arabia and Egypt, but we had hoped, at least, that the performance would have some substance to it, and some reason as well. Seeing from the show put on this week in the Senate by Florida's Democratic Senator Richard Stone -- one of the stars of the Wildmen of Zion in the Congress -- it seems we will be deprived of any rational edge to the arguments against the plane sales.

Now Senator Stone is in a different position, and we have to be fair to him. His constituency is made up largely of old Jewish people who have left the cold winters of New York and Chicago and New Jersey to spend their golden years in the warm sunshine of Florida, where, it seems, Democratic Senators have license to speak without having to answer to the dictates of rationality. Mr. Stone is angry this week because he says the Saudis are stationing Hawk anti-aircraft missiles around the northwestern Saudi Arabian air force base at Tabuk. Presumably, his Florida constituents wake up every morning and the first thing they check is the temperature of the water on the Florida beaches and the state of affairs in northwestern Saudi Arabian skies.

It is hard to think of an argument against the United States selling Hawk defensive missile systems to Saudi Arabia, given the strategic importance of the Saudi Arabians to the United States; and so it is equally strange to see an American senator from the great state of Florida speaking out against the Carter administration's decision to sell missiles and planes to the Saudis. But then, this must be the way a democratic country works, in which case, we suggest, the American people should ask themselves if their system is based on the interests of the entire United States of America, or rather on the fears of old people in Florida? The dividing line between democratic principles and the tyranny of the minority is very fine indeed, as we see this week along the sunny beaches of Miami and in the sunny skies of northwestern Saudi Arabia.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL RAI Wednesday said it is still early to consider Mr. Alfred Atherton's mission a failure, although all indications point to this effect, particularly the tacit admission by Mr. Atherton of the inability to reach a rapprochement between Egypt and Israel on a formula for a declaration of principles. The fact is that more than one party are surprisingly insisting to rotate inside a vicious circle even if this would not lead to the required peace.

Israel, Al Rai continues, has followed its own fancy. It is ready to offer any concession only in return for an enormous price paid by the Arab side. But, up till now, Egypt doesn't appear to be prepared to pay such a price, because this goes beyond its ability, except, perhaps, with regard to its own regional territory.

At the same time, the newspaper says, Egypt finds itself pain at retracting from President Anwar Sadat's "adventure" which yielded no positive result on the road to peace.

AL DUSTOUR said that when the Egyptian authorities "declared war on the Palestinians living in their midst" and when they at the same time continued to seek reconciliation with Israel, they must not expect the Arab peoples, particularly the Jordanians, to bless such steps or keep silent.

The newspaper maintains that the Arabs have the right to bring Egypt to account. It adds: "We have never thought for a moment that Egypt would take such a drastic and grievous step against the Palestinians; and, how is President Sadat going to accept that the people of Palestine should pay for an individual crime committed by two who alleged they were related to the people of Palestine?"

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Educating, demonstrating, persuading farmers is how Minister sees state role

By Lee S. Tesdell
 Special to the Jordan Times

In a recent interview with the Jordan Times, Mr. Salah Jum'a, stressed the point that his Ministry of Agriculture does not perceive its role in the agriculture of Jordan as one of production, but rather as demonstration and training.

"We are not so fond of running projects for production purposes," he said, but rather try to encourage the "private sector" to "pursue these projects."

An example of successful training and demonstration concerns egg and poultry production in Jordan. Mr. Jum'a told the Jordan Times that he could remember when the chicken demonstration project was begun, near what is now the University of Jordan, in Jbeila. At that time, he said, in the early 1950's, it was used both for demonstration and student training. Today Jordan is nearly self-sufficient in poultry production and hopes to be self-sufficient in egg production in two years, partially as a result of that project.

With the limited nature of Jordan's agricultural resources, selection of certain target areas is of course important. Mr. Jum'a told the Jordan Times that one such emphasis is to persuade farmers to plant fruit trees instead of wheat or barley. This is being done through a subsidy of half the cost.

"We are receiving lots of help" in this area he said, through FAO (Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations) the W.F.P. (World Food Programme) and recently through an agreement with the United States which will provide about \$12 million worth of foodstuffs to be distributed to cooperating farmers.

Dairy farm runs smoothly

The area in which this plan is being encouraged receives between more than 300 mm. and 500 mm. of rain per year. Mr. Jum'a explained that in areas receiving less than 300 mm. per year, few farmers are willing to plant trees.

When asked about ancient water use systems of the Nabateans and Romans in southern Jordan and the area east of Mafrad, Mr. Jum'a said that the "weather and climate change since ancient times" has probably been quite substantial, so that may no longer be possible.

One of the Ministry's largest projects is the irrigation of about 200,000 more dunums of land in the Jordan Valley. A total of 350,000 dunums should be irrigated by the time the King Talal Dam and the Zarqa River are completed. The King Talal Dam on the Zarqa River is nearly completed, but the Maqaren Dam on the Yarmouk River should be finished in 1982. The total effect in the Jordan Valley of the additional water should be

to double the irrigated land area.

Mr. Jum'a explained that one of the benefits of the expanded crop area in the valley will be to make the growing of fodder crops possible for dairy projects. The one dairy farm which Jordan has established, with the help of Denmark, in Wadi Deileh "has been run smoothly", said Mr. Jum'a, and added, "we don't make much profit or much loss."

The registered Friesian cows were flown from Denmark for the project and have now adapted themselves to the Jordanian climate. It is hoped also by the Ministry that trained personnel for the dairy industry will be a spin-off of the project at Azraq.

One potential problem with the use of fish as cheap protein in Jordan is that outside the cities few consumers are acquainted with the value of fish, said the minister.

Although Jordan is not now, and never will be, self-sufficient in some important agricultural products (such as wheat) storage facilities are being built to store supplies of wheat for Jordan's needs and for red meat also.

100,000 metric tonnes of wheat will be stored in Jordan when the project is complete, half in Amman and half in Aqaba. Jordan's annual wheat needs run to about 350,000 metric tonnes and in the "best year we produce not more than 180,000 metric tonnes", said Mr. Jum'a. He also said that the production cost of Jordanian wheat is higher than that of wheat on the international market, so that it doesn't make sense for Jordan to try to become self-sufficient.

Mr. Jum'a summed up this philosophy of producing only what is appropriate saying "produce what you can market, not market what you can produce".

He mentioned that although olive and olive oil production now brings a good price on the market, that may change, and Jordan's agricultural production must also be willing to change to meet the change in demand.

Almonds or grapes, for instance, be said, might become more profitable than olives. "We can't predict in the long run" what the international scene will be, Mr. Jum'a said.

Another possible source of cheap protein is fish. Mr. Jum'a talked to us about the

Mr. Salah Jum'a

Originality was hoped, said Mr. Jum'a, that the project would be a joint effort involving both the private sector and the Ministry, but no one in the private sector was interested, he told us, and so the Ministry has continued to run it on a non-commercial basis.

A basic concern of the consumers in Jordan, said Mr. Jum'a, is a source of cheap protein. Because of the high cost of red meat (mutton and beef) there is a necessary shift to white meat. The poultry production, now nearly self-sufficient has been an important aspect of this. When there is a shortage of white meat in Jordan however, Mr. Jum'a said that Jordan must then grant import licences for the importation of red meat, because there is not enough produced inside the country.

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St. David's Day celebrated by Amman's Welsh ladies

By a Jordan Times staff reporter

AMMAN, March 1 — The Annual General Meeting of the British Ladies of Amman, held at the British Embassy Club near fourth circle today, was definitely an AGM with a difference.

The meeting happened to fall on the Welsh National Day, March 1st, more commonly known as St. David's day (St. David being the patron saint of Wales).

Realising this, Mrs. Selly Funderburk, a lively Welshwoman, decided to take over the cultural programme of the meeting by celebrating the day in a particularly Welsh way.

She gathered together all the ladies of Welsh origin who include Mrs. Avis Lewis, Mrs. Gloria Mango, Mrs. Naomi Sukkar, Mrs. Gwen Symonds, Mrs. Barbara Weare and Mrs. Mary Zubri and together they planned an programme which included entertaining the non-Welsh members and guests at the meeting with delightful Welsh songs.

The Jordan Times is always interested in hearing from all groups in Amman about their activities so we can publicise them and report on them regularly.

ings, providing traditional home baked Welsh cakes for them to sample, and decorating the hall with bright posters and maps of Wales, daffodils (the national flower of Wales) and of course the red dragon which appears on the Welsh Flag.

Business too

The more serious business of the meeting came first and included the handing over of the chairmanship of the association by Mrs. Winifred Howarth, who was highly praised for her work during her term of office, to Mrs. Pat Dajani, who is bursting with ideas for the coming years activities.

The Treasurer's report included an interesting item that the sum raised by the British Ladies at a garden fete last year to celebrate the joint silver jubilee of His Majesty King Hussein and Queen Elizabeth, amounted to a grand total of JD 3,616,100 which has been equally divided between charity groups in the two countries.

Jordan's half went to the Al Hussein Society and Britain to the Prince Charles Appeal.

Business over, the Welsh section, dressed in their national costumes of green skirts, black shawls, white blouses and neat little red aprons and each wearing a daffodil, took the spotlight by delivering a lively and surprisingly professional selection of some of the more popular Welsh songs accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Pauline Gimson, a non-Welsh lady who was willingly co-opted for this particular occasion.

The programme began with a pleasing melodic version of



With the red dragon and a map of Wales behind them and daffodils and pictures decorating the piano, the Welsh section of the British Ladies of Amman give a hearty rendering of "We'll keep a welcome".

"All through the night" and went on to include such old favourites as "We'll keep a welcome".

One of the more lively numbers, "Spann Fach," a football song, sung by Mrs. Funderburk whose clear, sweet voice certainly reinforced that good old reputation Wales has for producing fine singers.

And finally, a rousing version of the Welsh national anthem, "Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau" (Land of my fathers), sung in Welsh by the ladies and including a chorus in English so the whole gathering could join in, rounded the entertainment off perfectly before the ladies hurried off to serve the tea and Welsh goodies they had all

worked hard to prepare.

Recipe sheets, headed with the red dragon, and including such typically Welsh specialties as Bara-Bread, a sweet bread, Caws-Wedi-Pobl... or, in English, Welsh Rarebit... and Teisen Sir Fon (Anglesey cake) were also available and judging by the amount sold it wouldn't be surprising if a lot of old husbands in Amman will be sampling the delights of the Welsh kitchen in the coming week or so.

Do the British Ladies have any plans for St. Georges day, St. Andrews day or St. Patrick's day?

"I'm not sure yet," Mrs. Dajani, the new chairman told the Jordan Times. "This is the first time anything like this has been done and I hope it sets a precedent ... we'll have to wait and see what comes out of our next committee meeting!"

Mrs. Selly Funderburk dressed in the national costume of Wales serves tea and Welsh cakes to an American visitor at the British Ladies of Amman meeting Wednesday.

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National News Roundup

New trade agreement signed with Egypt

Jordan, March 1 (JNA). — A trade protocol between Jordan and Egypt was signed here today. Under the pact some 1,000 items of trade exchange between the two countries were agreed to \$25 million. The protocol was signed for by Under-Secretary of the Industry and Commerce Dr. Hashem Dabbas and his Egyptian counterpart Yousef Salaheddine Abbadi.

Exports to Egypt up 200 per cent

Jordan, March 1 (JNA). — Jordan's exports to Egypt last October rose by 203 per cent compared with the same month in 1976, while imports from Egypt went up 122 per cent in the same comparable period. Figures released by the Department of Statistics today indicated a value of Jordan's exports to Egypt last October of JD 115,000 against JD 38,000 in the same month of 1976. Imports during the same period amounted to JD 856,000. Main exports to Egypt were paint, cloth, plastic granules, tissue paper and clothing. Imports were cotton fabric, cement and potatoes.

Water project inspected

Jordan, March 1 (JNA). — Minister of Agriculture Sa'ad yesterday inspected the progress of work in a project which aims to provide water for irrigation in part of the Karak governorate. Meanwhile Governor of Aqaba District Khaled Al Zubi today made an inspection to the Rahmeh and Gharandel villa-

ges in the Wadi Araba sub-district, and looked at the artesian wells being used for drinking and irrigation purposes by the tribes there.

New forest to be inaugurated Friday

AMMAN, March 1 (JNA). — The inauguration of a new forest on the outskirts of Amman will take place Friday, March 3rd, under the patronage of His Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Viceroy, and Princess Sarvath. The project, which is to be called the Yajouz Forest For Children, is close to the Al Hussein Youth City and is jointly sponsored by the Friends of Children Club and the Ministry of Agriculture. The tree planting was to have taken place last Friday but was postponed due to bad weather conditions.

CID officers graduate

AMMAN, March 1 (JNA). — A ceremony for the graduation of the 11th batch of police officers for criminal investigation was held today at the Royal Police Academy. Director of Public Security Lt. Gen. Ghazi Arabyat sponsored the graduation ceremony and made a speech to the graduates who had completed an eight-week course, underlining the importance of their work and outlining the different stages and study programmes the officers had to follow enabling them to carry out their duties. The ceremony was attended by the director of planning and training and the director of the Royal Police Academy.

Amman Stock Exchange Report

	Volume traded	Opening price	Highest selling price	Lowest selling price	Closing price	Last buying bid	Last selling bid
BBME	557	11.100	11.150	11.150	11.150	—	11.150
BBME	538	1.100	1.100	1.100	1.100	—	—
BBME	500	0.950	1.000	1.000	1.000	—	1.000
BBME	2,370	2.200	2.250	2.200	2.200	—	—
BBME	1,615	1.350	1.350	1.350	1.350	—	—
BBME	1,700	15.850	15.850	15.750	15.750	—	15.800
BBME	40	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900	—	—
BBME	223	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.050
BBME	210	1.050	1.050	1.050	1.050	—	—
BBME	4,774	6.850	6.850	6.850	6.850	—	6.900
BBME	2,115	2.100	2.150	2.100	2.100	—	—
BBME	10,487	—	—	—	—	—	—

Stop the move to cities, Prince Hassan urges

Business Grapevine

By John Bonar

No limit?

If the old adages that money makes money and success breeds success are true, there seems no limit to the potentialities of the Arab Bank headquartered here in Amman and now the 239th bank in the world according to the latest listings. Over the years the Arab Bank has kept on growing despite nationalisations in a number of Arab countries from Iraq to Libya and now after a year of economic slowdown just announced a 27 per cent increase in assets over the year.

The bank has just increased its equity by 33 per cent through a share split and a 22 per cent dividend on share par value. In 1977 the bank made a total of JD 12,200,000 net profit after all expenses including interest paid, depreciations, provisions, taxes and salaries and fringe benefits for employees.

They should stick together, settle down and stop migrating from the country to the city -- a phenomenon which endangers the growth and development of the society.

His Highness pointed out that there are serious efforts underway to decentralise public service facilities in the major towns to provide all services of government departments to citizens at local and regional levels saving effort, time and expense.

The Viceroy was accompanied by Minister of Labour Issam Ajlouni, Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs Ibrahim Ayoub and a number of government officials.

Tourism minister discusses Irbid map

AMMAN, March 1 (JNA). — Tourism Minister Ghaleb Barakat met here today with a Japanese team currently preparing a comprehensive map for the Irbid region and explained to its members projects undertaken by his Ministry in the Irbid area in particular and the country's aspiration for a better developed tourism industry in general. The team is conducting the work in cooperation with the Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the National Planning Council.

Royal Decree authorising its incorporation was passed on Jan. 21.

The capital of the new bank has been set at Saudi Riyals 100 million divided into one million registered shares. BBME will hold 40 per cent of the equity and have an eight-year management contract which is renewable.

Prominent Saudi businessman headed by Sheikh Suleiman Saleh Al Olayan, chairman of the new bank's board of directors, have invested S.R. 17,250,000. Another 427,500 shares worth S.R. 42,750,000 are to be offered for public subscription by Saudi nationals and Saudi entities and corporate bodies.

The new bank is expected to begin operations in mid-1978.

Fish farming development

Potash project getting underway

The Arab Potash Co. (APC) Ltd. is inviting suppliers of a wide range of equipment and services required to construct the Dead Sea potash facility to register.

The APC has applied for financing to the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD), the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), Kuwait Fund for Economic Development, Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development, Saudi Fund for Development, Arab Investment Bank, and the Abu Dhabi Fund for Arab Economic Development.

This will entail a topographical survey to lay out a ten hectare farm. The plans will then be drawn up for the layout and construction of ponds, water supply and drainage, the building of roads, an office block, workshop, laboratory and a net mounting and materials banding shed.

The second phase of the project will be the extension of the farm to 50 hectares.

New look to old winner

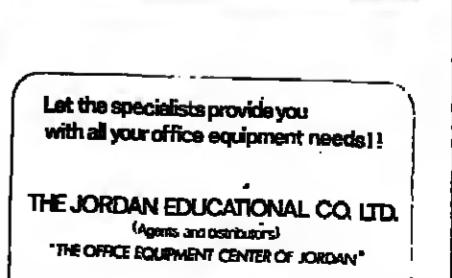
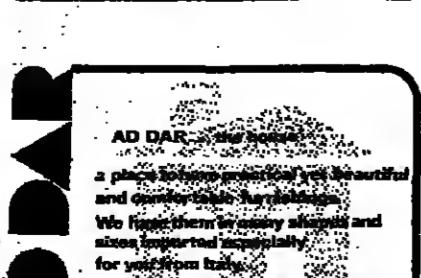
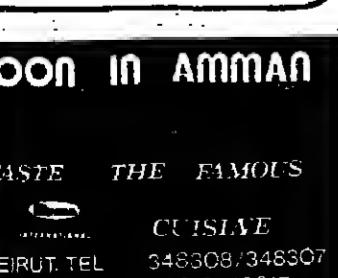
The Arabic language business magazine, *Alam Atijarat*, has just had a dramatic face lift -- its first since 1966 when it

was set up.

Amongst the equipment sought are a steam and power generating plant, a potash refinery to produce 1.2 million tons of fertilizer grade potash per year, miscellaneous machine shop, truck maintenance equipment, vehicles and materials handling equipment.

The APC has set a deadline of April 15th, to receive full details of all companies interested in tendering on the project.

AMMAN MARKETPLACE



Soviet Union hikes consumer goods prices

MOSCOW, March 1 (R). — The Soviet Union today announced an immediate 100 per cent increase in the price of petrol for the domestic consumer and unspecified hikes in the cost of coffee, cocoa and chocolate.

The announcement came in a report from the state committee on prices issued just after midnight by the official Tass News Agency after a day of widespread rumours that sent many Muscovites scurrying to shops to stock up.

Also going down were the

prices of black-and-white television sets -- now piling up in shops as interest has switched to colour -- by 20 per cent and refrigerators were being reduced by 15 per cent.

But the report added that prices of gold and platinum-based jewellery were going up by an average of 60 per cent and that petrol would now cost from 16-20 kopecks a litre (\$1.10 dollars per U.S. gallon).

It was not immediately clear if the rises would also affect petrol purchases in the state sector of the economy where they could cause serious distortion of long-term plans and budgets and lead to more generalised compensatory price increases.

As the rumours of the impending hikes circulated last night, longer lines of cars than usual formed at Moscow's very limited network of petrol stations, with many drivers filling extra cans as well as their tanks.

No immediate explanation was available for the massive increase but foreign correspondents in Moscow have been invited to a talk today with Mr. Nikolai Gluehkov, Chairman of the Prices Committee.

Compensating for the future

Russian sources have said the cost of producing oil and petrol in the Soviet Union, now the world's major source of the fuels, would double by the middle of the 1980's, and some observers suggested the rise could be aimed at compensating for that now.

More bad news for the growing army of Soviet motorists was the accompanying announcement that charges for servicing and spares for privately-owned vehicles would increase by 35 per cent.

The report said coffee, cocoa and chocolate "were increased" -- although it did not say by how much -- because of the cost of the commodities on world markets. International shortages in the past three years have sent prices soaring.

Kuwait threatens to call emergency OPEC meet if dollar's slide continues

KUWAIT, March 1 (AP). — The Kuwait government said today it would call for an emergency meeting of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries if the U.S. dollar continued to weaken.

Oil Minister Ali Khalifa Al Sabah met with Emir Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah and said afterward that Kuwait's ruler was deeply concerned by the repercussions the falling dollar was having on the oil incomes of OPEC members. "In case the current slippage of the dollar continues," the oil minister quoted the emir as saying, "Kuwait will take the initiative in calling for an emergency meeting of oil and finance ministers of OPEC member states to discuss the dollar's position as well as whether to continue the current freeze of oil prices or to decide on price hikes."

At its December meeting in Caracas, OPEC's 13 member states decided to freeze oil prices at the \$12.70 per barrel level for the first six months of 1978.

Last Monday, the Kuwait cabinet created a ministerial committee to consider steps to counter the effects of the dollar's decline on this country's oil revenue.

ARAB POTASH COMPANY HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS FOR MECHANICAL WORK FOR A POTASH REFINING PLANT

The Arab Potash Company Limited (APC) of Amman Jordan plans to build a Soker Evaporator and Potash Refining Facility to produce 1.2 million tonnes per year. The facility will be located between Ma'an and Salt on the southern and the Dead Sea, about 220 km north on a new road from the Port of Aqaba. The temperature range is approximately 5° to 45° C. IBCD will be made only at the request of APC in accordance with the terms and conditions of the loan agreements. Purchases will be made under the guidelines of the IBCD, USID Handbook of Country Contracts, and in accordance with the terms and conditions of the proposed agreements between APC and the Financing Agencies.

Purchases will be made from the member countries of the IBCD, Switzerland and other nations.

The Arab Potash Company invites suppliers interested in receiving inquiries to register themselves, for which purpose they should provide the following information:

1. Items from categories listed below which suppliers are able to furnish. Include technical data and catalogues.

2. Approximate time required to:

2.1 Submit proposals

2.2 Provide Drawings and Technical Data for approval

2.3 Deliver equipment to Port of Aqaba.

3. List of applications where similar equipment has been in service for at least three (3) years. Listing those applications by plant name and location which may be available for inspection together with reports of operation.

4. Description, capacity and range of manufacturing facilities, number of employees, engineers, etc., including current work commitments as percent of total capacity for 1978, 1979, and 1980 on a quarterly basis.

5. Union affiliation and expiration date of existing Union Agreements.

A. STEAM AND POWER GENERATING PLANT

1. Two (2) oil fired packaged unit boilers using No. 6 fuel oil with No. 2 steam output rates of 127,000 kilogram per hour of steam in the range of 43 to 54 kilogram per square centimetre absolute and 420°C to 490°C complete with economizers, super heaters, fans and controls.

2. Oil 12.5 m.w., 11 kw, 0.8 power factor, 50 hertz, 3000 revolutions per minute back pressure steam turbine-generator with condenser. The turbine will exhaust approximately 100,000 cubic meters per hour. Single stage, 100% efficiency, 100% load, 100% capacity, 100% availability, 100% reliability.

3. All other auxiliary and ancillary equipment required with the foregoing to provide a complete operating steam power station.

B. REFINERY

The Potash Refinery will produce 1.2 million tonnes per year of fertilizer grade potash salts, chloride and crystallized dry and stoned Potash as follows:

1. Primary Purse: To produce sodium chloride and potassium chloride salt. Rates will range to 150,000 cubic meters per hour. Carbon steel, rubber lined and alloy construction.

2. Centrifugal Purse: For saturated brine, cooling water, condensate, demineralized water and non-process uses. Capacities up to 10,000 cubic meters per hour. Single and multi stage, 100% efficiency, 100% load, 100% reliability, and other alloys.

3. Reciprocating and Rotary Purse: For hydro carbon adhesives with capacities to 25 cubic meters per hour.

4. Tanker: Atmospheric tank in carbon and stainless steels per API 650 code or equal. Steel fabricated and field erection tanks of various sizes and capacities.

5. Heat Exchangers: Plate and frame, shell and tube and plate coil type in carbon, other alloys, carbon steel and including special designs. Capacities to 25 kilograms per second.

Crystallizers: Draft tube boiling type for 1.2 million tonnes per year production of sodium chloride and NaCl/KCl brine used with heat exchangers and condensers and vacuum systems.

Cooling Towers: Ductile and/or tubular types in alloy, monel and carbon steel construction. Capacities to 1800 cubic meters per hour of 25% slurry.

Agitators: Various types in alloy, stainless steel and rubber lined steel. Sizes to 4000 millimeter impellers and 275 kilowatt drives.

Belt Filters: To handle up to 1,800 cubic meters per hour of 30% solid slurry. Stainless steel and alloy construction. Complete with vacuum pumps, receivers and traps.

Thickener: Bridge type and central column type, sizes to 4000 cubic meters per hour. Carbon steel, rubber lined materials, complete with raking and dredge mechanisms.

Fans and Blowers: Induced and forced draft fans for fuel oil fired dryers, boilers and potash dust collection systems.

Rotary Dryer: No. 6 fuel fired to dry potash crystals. Capacity to 200 tonnes per hour complete with instruments and controls.

Cyclones: To remove ten plus micron potash dust from stack gases. Capacities to 150,000 cubic meters per hour.

Electrostatic Precipitators: To remove particulate matter loading from 1.7 tonnes to about 0.05 tonnes per cubic meter.

Trucks: Dump, wheel, welding, flat beds, fuel, water, kubo, etc. capacities to 100 tonnes.

Tractors: (product and fuel oil) Tractors for 60 ton capacity bulk carriers, and hopper type trailers with 30 tonnes bulk solids capacity each. Tractors with 20 to 40 cubic meter fuel oil capacity.

Welders: Stick, work, boss, barges.

Material Handling: Backhoe, bulldozer, front end loaders, road grader, crane, cherry picker, compressor, etc.

Aberration on a rococo theme



Kurt Reichmann, 37, a Frankfurt postal worker, reconstructs historic musical instruments as a hobby. His most successful revival is the eighteenth-century organ pipe, King Ferdinand IV of Naples was so fond of this particular instrument that he commissioned concertos for it from Joseph Haydn. Nowadays the pipe parts are usually played by organists, flautists or oboists. Mr. Reichmann plans to reconstruct half a dozen pipes and loan them to musicians. He has already received enquiries from as far away as Japan. (Dpa photo)

U.S. stock market prices, government index take a plunge; slowdown feared

NEW YORK, March 1 (R). — A plunge in a major government economic index and a three-year low in stock market prices reinforced concern here today that the United States economy was headed for a slowdown later this year or next.

The Commerce Department reported yesterday that its index of 10 leading economic

indicators fell 1.9 per cent in January, the first decline in six months and its sharpest loss in three years.

Commerce Secretary Juanita Kreps blamed the fall on the winter blizzards and the national coal strike.

But the fall yesterday in New York Stock Market prices to their lowest levels since Feb. 28, 1975 reflected investors' fears about inflation and the country's economic future.

The fears were reinforced by the continued poor performance on the international exchange markets of the U.S. dollar which yesterday closed near its record lows against other major currencies.

Signs of a slowdown soon came as the U.S. this month

entered its fourth year of business expansion -- one of the longest periods of sustained peatline growth since World War II.

Last year economic growth was five per cent.

The Commerce Department said eight of the 10 economic indicators in its index declined in January and the other two rose.

The bright signs were the 0.9 per cent fall in the rate of layoff in the manufacturing industries and an improvement in wholesale prices, the department said.

But total liquid assets were down, as was the volume of new orders and contracts and orders for plant and equipment. The inflation-adjusted money supply also fell.

Turkey's 1978 budget passes lower house

ANKARA, Turkey, March 1 (AP). — Turkey's lower house yesterday passed the 1978 fiscal year budget bill in what amounted to a vote of confidence in the left-leaning government of Premier Bulent Ecevit.

The voting in the 450-seat National Assembly was 229 in favour and 210 against the 265 billion Turkish lira (about \$14 billion) draft budget, a leftover from the previous rightwing rule of ex-Premier Suleyman Demirel.

Eleven deputies were not present in the balloting that climaxed weeks of debate and exchanges of insults between front-bench government and opposition parties split on how to tackle Turkey's worst financial and economic crisis.

During the course of discussions, Mr. Ecevit's Republican Peoples Party ministers, installed Jan. 1, accused Mr. Demirel's three-year rule of "tolerating extravagance that brought about the country's economic collapse."

The budget bill represents an 11.7 per cent increase in public spending compared with the previous year. State sector investments will take away 65 billion liras (\$3.37 billion) and 83 billion liras (\$4.3 billion) was set aside for transfers.

Defense appropriations for the current year was fixed at 52 billion liras (\$2.7 billion), 20 per cent of the overall budget amount and a rise of 22 per cent over 1977.

Turkey devalues lira 30%.

ANKARA, March 1 (R). — Turkey today devalued the lira against a wide range of foreign currencies, reducing its value by 30 per cent against the dollar.

Finance Ministry officials said the changes will become effective with their publication in the official Gazette later today. The new rate for the dollar has been set at 25.00 lira, compared to the previous 19.25, they added.

The central bank has ordered all banks to stop foreign currency transactions until further notice, the officials said.

1/4 million Greek workers stage 24-hour strike

ATHENS, Greece, March 1 (AP). — The Greek capital and other major towns were disrupted today as over 200,000 employees went on a one-day strike to back demands for more money and better working conditions.

The strike left banks, the public power corporation, telecommunications and public transport with only skeleton staffs. Certain domestic and external flights by Olympic Airways, the national air carrier, were canceled. Hospitals and factories reduced operations. Most shops and offices remained open however.

Iraqi plan aims to reduce dependence on oil revenue

BAGHDAD, March 1 (R). — Iraqi Oil Minister Tayeb Abdul Karim said in an interview published yesterday that his country was striving to lessen its dependence on oil revenue.

In an interview with the weekly magazine Al-Baath, quoted by the Iraq News Agency, Mr. Abdul Karim said the 1978-80 development plan sought to lessen the contribution of oil to the overall national income.

Oil would provide just over 50 per cent of all income in 1980, the minister said. There was no figure for oil's present contribution to the national budget. The minister said over-dependence on oil could lead to serious negative results.

Under the five-year plan, Iraq has set a revised oil production target of 200 million tons by the year 1988. In 1974, the latest year for which complete figures are available,

Top oil executives discuss Saudi Arabian oil production plans

BEIRUT, Lebanon, March 1 (AP). — Top executives of the Arabian-American Oil Company (Aramco) met in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, yesterday with the governor of the Saudi government-owned company Petromin to discuss oil production programs and gas gathering projects, the official Saudi Press Agency reported.

The meeting was attended by Aramco's new Board Chairman, John Kelber and representatives of the company's four U.S. parent firms -- Exxon, Texaco, Standard Oil of California and Mobil Oil.

Petromin governor Abdul Hadi Taher told the agency that discussion dealt with the current and future production rates of the company, which manages more than 25 per cent of the world's proven reserves of crude oil.

The meeting came in the wake of a report by the Middle East Economic Survey that Saudi Arabia has placed a ceiling on its production of Arabian light crude oil for 1978.

Mr. Kelber said recently that Aramco had submitted a detailed study to the Saudi government on different rates of crude oil production and costs of surface installation for each rate.

A Beirut newsletter also reported that Saudi Arabia was preparing a detailed technical and economic plan to increase

	Jordanian \$	Buying/Selling
U.S. dollar	309.00/311.00	
UK. sterling	600.00/602.00	
W. German mark	153.50/154.00	
Swiss franc	169.50/170.40	
French franc	64.90/65.30	
Italian lire	(for every 100)	36.20/36.64
Japanese yen (for every 100)	129.80/130.80	
Dutch guilder	142.90/143.60	
Belgian franc (for every ten)	98.30/98.60	
Swedish crown	67.60/68.60	

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATE

LONDON, (R). — Following are the buying and selling rates of leading world currencies against the dollar at the close of interbank trading on the London foreign exchange market last night. Tourist rates will differ from those quoted below.

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GENERAL TENDENCIES: The daytime is fine for make extensive plans that will enable you to make progress in your line of endeavor in the future. Be open to new opportunities at this time.

WEDNESDAY (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Get together with persons who inspire you to new heights and listen to their ideas logically. Think constructively.

THURSDAY (Apr. 20 to May 18) You have to be more with loved one in the evening but directness is best daytime. Avoid misunderstanding.

FRIDAY (May 21 to June 18) Ask questions so that you exactly what others expect of you and then work together with them intelligently.

SATURDAY (June 22 to July 21) Make sure to clean appliances efficiently and get good results your work. Use your imagination more.

SUNDAY (July 22 to Aug. 21) Make plans to have greater success in the future. Come to a better understanding co-worker. Use common sense.

MONDAY (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Study well any practical affairs you have at home and know how to them ideally. Guard your reputation.

TUESDAY (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Try to be more cooperative ties and get better results in the future. Take up treatments you may need.

WEDNESDAY (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You want to have a income and you can do so by using practical ideas methods. Be active, be happy.

THURSDAY (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) By being clever easily improve your personal existence and gain happiness now. Be logical.

FRIDAY (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Discuss a private with a close friend and get the advice you need increased devotion to loved one.

SATURDAY (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Getting together with friends can bring something good into your life now increased happiness.

SUNDAY (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) You have a career plan become successful if you get the advice of an now. Avoid one who is a detriment to you.

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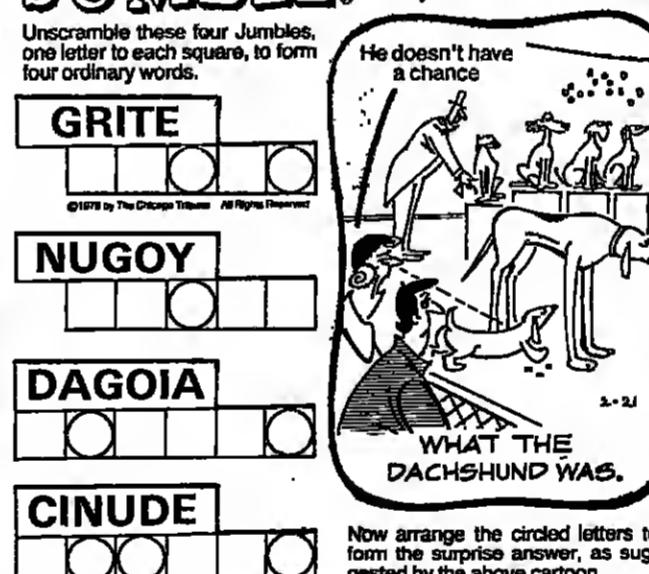
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Print answer here: THE

JUMBLE

THAT SCRABLED WORD GAME
by Henri Arnold and Bob Lee



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: TAKEN *KREZ ABSURD EXCISE
Answer: Be careful how you do this when you want to meet an attractive skater - "BREAK THE ICE"

GORED BRIDGE

BY CHARLES H. GOREN
AND OMAR SHARIF

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Q.1—East-West vulnerable, as South you hold:

♦A8 ♦95 ♦Q9652 ♦843

Partner opens the bidding with one spade. What do you respond?

Q.5—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♦A87 ♦95 ♦Q9652 ♦843

Partner opens the bidding with one spade. What do you respond?

Q.6—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♦AJ10 ♦A762 ♦AQ84 ♦KJ

The bidding has proceeded:

South West North East

1 ♠ Pass Pass

Dbl. Pass 2 NT Pass

?

What action do you take?

Q.2—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♦K952 ♦Q91094 ♦Q82 ♦7

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass

2 ♠ Pass ?

What action do you take?

Q.3—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♦Q965 ♦K104 ♦AKJ1094

The bidding has proceeded:

South West North East

1 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass

3 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ Pass

?

What action do you take?

Q.8—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♦J2 ♦984 ♦AKJ ♦QJ872

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass

2 ♠ Pass 2 NT Pass

3 ♠ Pass ?

What action do you take?

PEANUTS

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I'M AWAKE!
I'M AWAKE!

NO MA'AM... I DON'T
KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON

BUT I'M AWAKE!

ANDY CAPP

TCH! IT'S MRS. KENNARD!
I DON'T WANT YOU TO
SEE ME IN THIS STATE
GO AN' GET RID
OF ER, PET!

RAT-
A-TAT-
WHAT
SHALT
I TELL
ER?

RAT-
A-TAT-

SUIT
YISSELF-S

SHE'S ROUND
THE HEADLAND,
WATER SKIING

I'LL KILL 'IM

MUFT & JEFF

HERE'S WHAT I WROTE FOR
THE CLIMAX OF OUR FILM
FLAM TV FILM - IT'S DUSK
- THE ROOM IS DARK

SHE LAID THE STILL WHITE
FORM BESIDE THOSE
WHICH HAD GONE BEFORE
SUDDENLY ACRY BROKE
THE STILLNESS -

A SHRIEK! - THEN
SILENCE! ANOTHER
CRY --- MORE
SILENCE --- SHE
LEFT -

TOMORROW SHE
WILL RETURN
AND LAY ANOTHER
EGG!

THE FLINTSTONES

HEY, FREDDY!
HOW'S THE NEW
WOODPLANE
WORKING?

SCAPE!

FINE, BARNEY...
BUT YOU REALLY
STARTLED
ME....

WOW!
THAT'S HARD ON
MY HEART!

...NOT
TO
MENTION
MY
TEETH
!!

THE BETTER HALF.

By Barnes



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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

1. Parallel

2. Scandinavia

5. Commonplace

10. Web

11. Revert

13. Witticisms

14. Afternoon

15. Its capital

16. Urchin

17. Trigonometri-

cal function

18. Intermittions

21. Divot

22. Mountain

shelter

23. Rank

25. West Saxon

26. Scandinavia

in chemistry

28. Cap

30. African eye-

worm

32. Corrode

34. Federal

performance

38. Cupid

40. Layer of ten-

nins

41. Daughter of

Cadmus

42. Toothed pro-

cesses

44. Presage

45. Upper House

46. Jargon

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

47. Daughter of

King Lear

3. Bitter vetch

4. Compass

5. Dealer

6. Sleep

7. Obsession:

abbr.

8. African capi-

tal

9. Heretofore

10. Stimulate

12. Necessities

14. Pad

16. Giant

China's constitution proposes new freedoms tighter armed forces

TOKYO, March 1 (AP). — China's parliament today received the draft of a new constitution which calls for combining field armies with regional forces and the militia and carries out "fairly big" changes in the organs of the state. A report presented by party Vice Chairman Yeh Chien-ying to the Second Plenary Session of the Fifth National People's Congress in Peking made no mention, however, of the re-establishment of the post of chief of state.

There had been speculation that Party Chairman Hua Kuo-feng would concurrently assume that job.

The draft, Mr. Yeh indicated, put heavy emphasis on the right of the masses to participate in the decisions of state, and criticise their superiors.

"All well-meant criticism from the grass roots and masses should be firmly encouraged," it said. "The people's

right to expose the evil-doers and evil deeds in state organs should be fully guaranteed."

The proposed constitution, Mr. Yeh said, also provides for the establishment of people's procurators "in view of the extreme importance of fighting against violations of the law and discipline." The procurator would serve the function now held by Western prosecutors.

The merger of the 3,500,000

army with the militia and regional forces appears aimed at preventing subversion of the more loosely organised regional and militia forces. The party's radicals were accused, after their arrest in October 1976, of seeking to use them to overthrow Chairman Hua.

As reported by Mr. Yeh the constitution emphasises greater freedom among the nation's millions and tighter control at the top, what the communists call democratic centralism.

It did not say what changes would be made in the articles concerning the state organs and state personnel but said they "set strict and necessary demands on them." The most essential, Mr. Yeh added, would be to maintain contact with the masses and have "complete faith" in them.

The draft contains references to the "Great Leap Forward" which would culminate with industrial modernisation by the year 2000.

Chairman Mao's "immortal historic contributions" are written prominently into the preamble, Mr. Yeh said.

Hsinhua said 3,444 deputies attended the plenary meeting. The congress had opened on Sunday.

Salisbury talks do "interest" Britain

LONDON, March 1 (AP). — British Foreign Secretary David Owen yesterday sent a personal message to black nationalist leader Bishop Abel Muzorewa confirming Britain's interest in the current negotiations between moderate blacks and Prime Minister Ian Smith for a Rhodesian political settlement. A Foreign Office spokesman said a senior member of the British Embassy staff in Pretoria, South Africa, flew into the Rhodesian capital of Salisbury yesterday to hand over the message to the bishop. "This is in line with our announced policy of keeping in touch with all the parties to a possible political settlement in Rhodesia," the official said. These talks on an internal solution of the Rhodesian problem have been denounced by co-leaders of the Patriotic Front, Joshua Nkomo and Robert Mugabe whose participation in a Rhodesian settlement had been advocated by the joint Anglo-American peace plan which Mr. Smith rejected.

No full Andreotti-Communist accord

ROME, March 1 (R). — Italy's Christian Democrats, trying to form a new minority government, pulled back last night from any kind of broad parliamentary pact with the Communists.

Speaker after speaker at a special meeting of Christian Democratic senators and deputies said that any pact with the Communists and four other parties to back a new government would have to be limited. They all rejected any general political alliance with the Communists but endorsed a limited "and not general agreement on a programme," a spokesman said.

The session, expected to enter a third day today, was seen as a mild rebuff for Premier-designate Giulio Andreotti.

Signor Andreotti told the parliamentarians on Monday night of his plans which ranged from boosting the economy and cracking on crime to reforming the courts, police and universities.

The premier-designate in his programme was responding to demands from the Communist Party to join a "clear and explicit parliamentary majority" supporting a new government and sharing its policy-making. The Communists made this

demand after dropping their previous insistence on obtaining ministerial posts in an emergency government — a demand which forced Signor Andreotti's minority Christian Democratic government to resign 43 days ago.

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U.S. Congress wooed for new SALT accord

WASHINGTON, March 1 (R). — The U.S. government yesterday stepped its campaign to win Congressional support for a new Soviet-American Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty (SALT) by trying to allay fears of Soviet "cheating."

The State Department and the Senate Foreign Relations Committee jointly released an administration report on both countries' compliance with the first agreement — SALT 1 — which expired in October.

A second pact — SALT 2 — is now being negotiated in Geneva.

American strategic weapons experts said the United States knows of no Soviet practice which had impeded abi-

lity to verify the terms of the 1972 SALT pact.

Senate committee Chairman John Sparkman said in a statement: "I believe that this report should help resolve the many ill-founded charges of Soviet cheating which were undermining the search for a good SALT 2 agreement that would enhance our national security."

He later told the Senate it was clear that dealings between the two super-powers had not been easy but that matters of concern had been resolved.

The report said the U.S. has raised eight questions with the Soviet Union in the two countries' Standing Consultative Commission (SCC) over the five-year life of SALT 1.

It listed these as: launch control facilities at special-purpose intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) silos, concealment measures impeding verification by national technical means, modern large ballistic missiles, possible testing of an air defence system radar in an anti-ballistic missile (ABM) mode, Soviet reporting of dismantling of excess ABM launchers, Soviet ABM radar on the Kamchatka Peninsula, Soviet dismantling or destruction of replaced ICBM launchers, and concealment at a Soviet test range.

The Soviet Union had raised five questions in the SCC, it said.

These concerned shelters over Minuteman silos, Atlas and Titan-1 ICBM launchers, radar on Shemya Island, Alaska, privacy of SCC proceedings, and dismantling or destruction of a radar under construction at Malmstrom Air Force Base, Montana.

This information goes a long way towards demonstrating our verification capabilities and satisfying the concerns of those who question our ability to enforce a SALT 2 agreement," one liberal senator said yesterday.

French Cruise missile?

PARIS, March 1 (R). — President Valery Giscard d'Estaing said last night that France was studying the possibility of building Cruise missiles, a new generation of nuclear weapons developed by the United States. The French leader declared at the same time that "in 1990 the current means of deterrence which France has will have been multiplied by three." M. Giscard d'Estaing addressing cadets at the French air force's main training centre at Salon de Provence, said research was being conducted with meticulous care, taking into consideration the international situation and the need to use national resources effectively.

CAIRO March 1 (AP). — An outburst of anti-Palestinian feeling has boiled to the surface here in the wake of the assassination of a prominent Egyptian editor and the death of 15 Egyptian commandos who tried to capture his Palestinian killers. Egyptian newspapers have played up reports of Palestinian "complicity" in the Feb. 19 Larnaca Airport shootout in Cyprus and the government took steps on Monday to reduce the special tax and travel privileges of the 150,000 Palestinians living here.

The terrorist gunmen identified themselves to hostages as Palestinians and there were reports that Palestinian commandos fired on the Egyptian troops.

If emotions continue to run high or there are new hostile acts aimed at Egypt, observers say President Anwar Sadat could divorce himself from the Palestine Liberation Organisation and might be tempted to make a separate peace with Israel. Mr. Ibrahim Sa'da, a columnist writing in Akhbar Al Youm, said if it could be proved that Palestinians shot the Egyptian commandos "we would ask our government to immediately enter serious negotiations with the Israelis for to restore Sinai alone."

A prominent political professor agreed, saying "if Sa

dat wanted to make a separate agreement, this would be his chance."

Egypt wants Arafat out?

Recent editorials have been especially critical of the leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, indicating Egypt may exploit the Cyprus incident to try to replace Mr. Yasser Arafat as PLO Chairman or withdraw recognition of the PLO in favour of Palestinians in the West Bank or Gaza. In an "open letter" to Mr. Arafat, Mr. Mu'men Shafei, editor of Rose Al Yousef said "Arafat resented Sadat's historic visit to Israel because he met in Jerusalem with the real Palestinians and their genuine leaders."

However, Mr. Sadat has made no overt moves thus far to disassociate himself from the PLO or change Egypt's insistence on the right of self-determination for Palestinians as part of a peace settlement.

"There is bitter feeling and the government has to do something about it," a Western diplomatic source said. "But behind the scenes, the tie between Egypt and the PLO is closer than you might think."

The depth of the anti-Palestinian feeling could be witnessed in the shouts of "No Palestine after today" and "Slaughter the Palestinians" which reverberated through the streets of Cairo after the

slogans in the street stem from the newspapers focusing on the Palestinians as the cause."

Abu Nidal, accused the mass-circulation Al Akhbar newspaper and certain pro-Western elements in Egypt of trying to isolate Egypt from the rest of the Arab World ... These slogans in the street stem from the newspapers focusing on the Palestinians as the cause."

But it was the agents of Iraqi intelligence who were behind the slaying of Youssef Sibai."

An undercurrent of anti-Palestinian sentiment had existed in Egypt and is based on the feeling that the PLO

is ungrateful for the sacrifices Egypt has made for their cause."

Since November

An upsurge of anti-Palestinian feeling followed President Sadat's trip to Israel last November and some Arabs condemned him as a traitor to the Arab cause. Egypt responded by closing down the Voice of Palestine radio station and deporting a number of Palestinian activists.

Prime Minister Mamoud Salem told parliament on Monday that legislation would be submitted to revise the special status Palestinians have in Egypt. Palestinian sources said they expected this would mean Palestinians would be banned from owning land, face higher taxes and tighter controls on travel.

"I don't think the government wants it to go further," an Egyptian source said. "They haven't let the emotions get out of hand and I don't think it will be serious unless the government decides to turn it on."

But he added that if there were more hostile attacks aimed at Egypt it could disrupt peace negotiations. "It would bring everything to a halt while Egypt dealt with the crises and (U.S. peace envoy Alfred) Atherton might as well go home and play chess."

Anti-Mobutu group claims Zaire foiled army takeover plot

ANTWERP, March 1 (R). — A Belgian group opposed to President Mobutu Sese Seko of Zaire said last night it had reliable information that about 250 army officers were arrested there last week for plotting a coup.

A spokesman for the 50-member Zaire Committee, mostly of Belgian academics, said the officers planned the coup during a visit to Europe by President Mobutu early in February but were betrayed by an army colonel before they could start it.

A similar report by Zaire opposition movements living in exile in Paris was denied by the Official Zaire news agency AZAP in Kinshasa. It described the allegations as fictitious.

The Belgian Zaire Committee has also accused the Zairean government forces of massacring about 2,000 villagers in January in the Idiofa of Bandundu Province, some 350 kms west of the capital.

In Brussels last week, the Zairean Embassy said the committee had no proof of its massacre charge. The embassy described the committee as "a little group embracing (M. Jean) Tshombe and common law criminals who have fled to Belgium."

Committee spokesman Paul Janssens denied that the group had any contact with M. Tshombe, who now lives in Belgium and is the son of the late Zairean secessionist leader Moise Tshombe.

M. Janssens also said the committee did not cooperate with Zaire exiles living in Belgium, although it had contacts with them.

The spokesman, who said the committee's information came from sources in Zaire which it was convinced were reliable, reported that there were fears for the lives of the estimated 250 officers arrested after the reported coup attempt.

World News Briefs

Anti-Somoza strike called in Nicaragua

MANAGUA, Nicaragua March 1 (AP). — A 24-hour general strike by business and labour, starting today, was urged by opponents of the regime of President Anastasio Somoza to protest alleged brutality by the National Guard in breaking up anti-government demonstrations.

Schleyer's house of captivity located

BONN, March 1 (R). — Police have found the house in which kidnapped West German businessman Hanns-Martin Schleyer was held before his murder last year, the newspaper Bild Zeitung reported yesterday. Dr. Schleyer, 52, was kidnapped on Cologne street on Sept. 5 and his chauffeur and three bodyguards were killed. The kidnappers demanded the release of members of the Baader-Meinhof urban guerrilla group in return for his life. But three Baader-Meinhof members included on the list of the kidnappers shot themselves in prison on Oct. 18 and Dr. Schleyer's chauffeur was killed in revenge. His body was found the next day in the boot of a car in Mulhouse, France. The newspaper Dr. Schleyer was held in a house only 17 kms. away from where he was kidnapped. Bild said police had watched the house weeks in case the kidnappers returned. But it said the kidnappers had since received a letter saying the house would not be needed after February, 1978. The rent had been paid in full.

Israeli airforce head to pilot an F-16

TEL AVIV, March 1 (R). — The commander of Israel's air force, Maj.-Gen. David Ivrit, left here today for the United States. Ivrit told reporters at the airport he would spend most of a two-week stay in the U.S. conferring with Pentagon officials who would also visit General Dynamics, manufacturers of F-16 jet fighters which he said he would be given a chance to pilot. The Carter administration has decided to sell Israel F-16 fighters in an arms deal which also includes 15 sophisticated F-15s.

Filipino kidnappers want French linguist

ZAMBOANGA CITY, Philippines March 1 (AP). — Moslem kidnappers of a French government official have asked for an interpreter so they can talk with him as a hostage. A Moslem official said today. The official, who is with the local government and is closely involved in the rescue of M. Pierre Huguet, 59, said the lack of an interpreter was delaying the start of negotiations. M. Huguet, a senior official in the French Finance Ministry, was abducted on Saturday while taking photographs in the Moslem quarter of this city.

S. African case of death in detention

DURBAN, South Africa March 1 (AP). — A security policeman testified yesterday that an Indian dental surgeon who within 24 hours of being detained for questioning was said to be associated with a "subversive organisation." But Lt. Taylor denied that he or any other policeman was responsible for 40 to 50 bruises found on the body of 26-year-old Hafiz Haffejee, who was found strangled to death in his cell last Aug. 3.

Polisario marks 2 "republic" years

ALGIERS, March 1 (R). — The Polisario Front celebrated second anniversary of its self-styled Democratic Arab Republic somewhere in the disputed Western Sahara. About 100 delegates attended the celebration on Monday, the Algerian news agency reported.